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# INTERVIEW

BILL THARRINGTON | TARGET CASHIER



## THE SERIOUS STUFF ABOUT THE FUNNY.

**Q: How long have you worked at Target?**

A: About nine years. Well, if you call it work. See, I think work is a nasty, four-letter word, and I avoid it like the plague. They've allowed me to walk in the front door for that many years.

**Q: What do you like about working here?**

A: Quite a few things... One of the best things is the people that come in. They are the nicest, the most friendly and easy to get along with. And the other team members — the other cashiers, the cart attendants, everybody that I deal with — are just so helpful that it's ridiculous...

**Q: Where does your endless cheerful attitude come from? You're known for it, you know.**

A: ...the young people that come through here from the university, it gives me a tremendous thrill because as I watch them I'm thinking, 'Hey, this country's going turn out all right after all, despite of all the mistakes my generation made. This new generation, boy, they're coming along nice!'

**Q: That's unusual to hear you say. Usually people talk about this generation going down the tubes.**

A: Ain't so. Pardon the vernacular, but it *ain't* so. It's not. It oughta be said. It oughta be said many times over.

**Q: Anything you want to add?**

Just that my wife's been takin' care of me for 44 years now. And thanks.

# SCHMINTERVIEW

GREGORY GEOFFROY | ISU PRESIDENT



## THE FUNNY STUFF ABOUT THE SERIOUS.

**Q: I've read that you used to make beer at home in your spare time. How does that work?**

A: You basically follow a recipe. You can buy all the ingredients you need. And it takes about four hours to prepare. Then you let it ferment. And you can bottle it.

**Q: Does it actually taste good?**

A: I've made some pretty good wheat beers.

**Q: Ever name any of the beers you've bottled?**

A: One bottle I made back when I was provost at the University of Maryland I called "Provostial Porter."

**Q: With your vast chemistry background, are there any other chemical substances you make in the privacy of your own home?**

A: No, just the beer.

**Q: What is your beer of choice now?**

A: I like dark beers with strong flavors. There's one I like, Boulevard Ale, that comes out of Kansas City.

**Q: I've also read that you used to play a lot of squash. I really have no idea what that is.**

A: Squash is somewhat like racquetball. It's a game that the British play a lot. And people on the East Coast. On a court like racquetball with a long racquet that's stronger and more durable.

**Q: Have you ever played a game of squash after drinking the beer you made in your home?**

A: Never. Never. Never.